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REMOTE PROJECT)	
DEVELOPMENT METHOD AND)	
SYSTEM)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Proposed drawing amendments have been submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification has been submitted.

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Paper dated 11 April 2001, Proposed Drawings Amendments along with corresponding formal drawings have been submitted. In order to conform with the Patent Office's formal drawing requirements, additional sheets of drawings with additional figure numbers have been added, which is shown in the Proposed Drawing Amendments. A summary of these changes is as follows: "FIG. 5" has been changed to --FIGS. 5A-B--; "FIG. 7" has been changed to --FIGS. 7A-B--; "FIGS. 9A-C" have been changed to --FIGS. 9A-D--; "FIG. 10" has been changed to --FIGS. 10A-B--; "FIGS. 11A-B" have been changed to --FIGS. 11A-C--; and "FIG. 14" has been changed to --FIGS. 14A-B--. These changes have also been made throughout the specification. Since these changes are not substantive, it is submitted that no new matter has been added.

In FIG. 9B and on page 16, lines 6-7 of the same reference number, "918" was used to indicate both the number of users entry box as well as the network check boxes. To correct this minor informality, the network check boxes have been renumbered to "919" in both the specification and FIG. 9B. On page 17, lines 17-18 of the specification, "link 105" was changed to --link 1005-- in order to correct this minor typographical error. On page 27, line 24, "current time field 1806" was changed to --current time field

1808-- and on page 32, line 4, "FIG. 2" was changed to --FIG. 20-- so as to correct for these minor typographical errors. It is submitted that after reviewing the specification and drawings, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that these were minor typographical errors and know the changes that needed to be made. Therefore, it is submitted that no new matter has been added.

In view of these changes, the specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to make several editorial revisions. Due to the number of changes involved, a substitute specification and abstract have been prepared and are submitted with this amendment. No new matter has been added. Enclosed is a marked up copy of the original specification and abstract indicating the same changes incorporated into the substitute specification. It is submitted to be apparent from a consideration of such copy that entry of the substitute specification would simplify processing of the application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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